



## Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee

**Date:** Wednesday 29 September 2021

**Time:** 10.00 am **Public meeting** Yes

**Venue:** Room 116, West Midlands Combined Authority, 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham, B19 3SD

### Membership

David Lane (Chair)

Councillor Ram Lakha OBE (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Carl Rice

Councillor Alan Butt

Councillor Dave Borley

Councillor Charn Padda

Councillor Gary Flint

Councillor Ken Meeson

Councillor Tom Baker- Price

Councillor John Kraujalis

Councillor Hayden Walmsley

Councillor Chris Schofield

Kate Shaw

Coventry City Council

Birmingham City Council

City of Wolverhampton Council

Dudley Metropolitan Council

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Worcestershire Non- Constituent Authorities

Staffordshire Non-Constituent Authorities

Warwickshire Non- Constituent Authorities

Shropshire Council -Non Constituent Authorities

Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

Quorum for this meeting shall be nine members. Of those, at least one member must be in attendance from five different constituent councils.

If you have any queries about this meeting, please contact:

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# AGENDA

No.	Item	Presenting	Pages	Time
<b>Meeting Business Items</b>				
1.	Apologies for Absence	Chair	None	10:00
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are reminded of the need to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they have in an item being discussed during the course of the meeting. In addition, the receipt of any gift or hospitality should be declared where the value of it was thought to have exceeded £25 (gifts) or £40 (hospitality).		None	
3.	Minutes - 19 April 2021	Chair	1 - 4	
4.	Chair's Remarks - Appointment of Independent Chair	Chair/Satish Mistry	None	
5.	Appointment of Vice-Chair  - To receive nominations for the position of Vice-Chair	Chair	None	
6.	Forward Plan	Chair	5 - 6	
<b>Business Items for Noting/Approval</b>				
7.	Covid-19 Update -Employee Health and Wellbeing & New Ways of Working	Melanie Ganderton	7 - 12	10:20
8.	Health & Safety Annual Update	Ben Gittings	13 - 22	10:25
9.	Internal Audit Update	Peter Farrow	23 - 62	10:30
10.	Data Protection & Data Security Annual Update	Gurmit Sangha	63 - 68	10:35
11.	WMCA Strategic Risk Management Framework V1.0	Fiona Bebbington	69 - 122	10:40
12.	Annual Accounts 2020/21 for the West Midlands Combined Authority (a) Annual Accounts 2020/21 for the WMCA (covering report) (b) WMCA Annual Accounts (c) Audit Findings West Midlands Combined Authority (d) Letter of Representation	Linda Horne/Grant Thornton	To Follow	10:45

13.	Midland Metro Annual Accounts	Linda Horne/BDO	To Follow	
14.	Terms of Reference -Whistleblowing Panel	Satish Mistry/Lorraine Quibell	123 - 126	11:45
15.	Exclusion of the Public and Press To pass the following resolution: That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)		None	
16.	Investigations and Whistleblowing Update Report	Peter Farrow	127 - 130	11:50
17.	Update from Whistleblowing meeting	Chair	Verbal Report	11:55

**Date of Next Meeting - 2 November 2021**